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# The Story of Christmas

Oswald J. Smith

**N**EARLY 2,000 years ago there was born, in Bethlehem of Judea, a Babe whose life was destined to change the world. That Babe was Jesus Christ.

He did not come to a palace. Cathedral bells failed to toll. But throughout the Judean hills, the heavenly choirs were singing the praises of the Son of God. In humility He came to a stable and was laid in a manger. Little did Caesar know that this Babe, through His teachings, would one day destroy the corrupt Roman Empire and bring to naught the majesty and power of Rome. Little did anyone know that the day would come when His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection would have a greater influence on humanity than the birth and death of any other man.

No other in all the world was born as Jesus the Christ. For Mary, His mother, in the innocence of her girlhood, had known no man at the time of His conception. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost . . . God was His Father.

Now for nearly two millenniums His birth has been commemorated. Glad, happy day! The birthday of the King of kings and Lord of lords. God grant that throughout the land hearts may be turned to Christ. How glorious to think that He, the resurrected and living Christ of God, was the Babe of Bethlehem's manger.

Today He is worshipped by countless millions who are living and dead. Untold multitudes are looking forward to the time when He will reappear without sin unto salvation. The Babe of the manger is coming back again. He will reign in majesty and power divine. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.

May this Christmas season lead us to the Christ of God. May we rejoice in Him and with one another, for "We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9)..

—Wesleyan Methodist.

## FAVORITE PROVERBS

**T**HE barber's proverb—"Pay as you go."

The farmer's proverb—"Make hay while the sun shines."

The mother's proverb—"A stitch in time saves nine."

The weather man's proverb—"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good."

The boatman's proverb—"Paddle your own canoe."

The Scotchman's proverb—"Many a mickle makes a muckle."

The spendthrift's proverb—"Money makes the mare go."

The indolent man's proverb—"There's another day coming."

The traveler's proverb—"Prayer and provender hinder no man's journey."

The Russian's proverb—"The knife which you sharpen on a poor man's hand may cut your own fingers."

The blacksmith's proverb—"Strike while the iron is hot."

The cook's proverb—"The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

The nurseryman's proverb—"As the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

The optimist's proverb—"Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you."

The industrious man's proverb—"Procrastination is the thief of time."

The independent man's proverb—"Every tub must stand on its own bottom."

The ambitious man's proverb—"Where there is a will, there is a way."

The Christian's proverb—"Write injuries in dust, but kindness in marble."

—Selected.

There would be more power in our praying if there were more cheer in our giving.

## Where Is the Piccolo?

Each one of us should do the work which God gives us to do. Nobody else can do our service for us. One time Sir Michael Costa was rehearsing some beautiful music. Many instruments were playing. Hundreds of voices were singing. The player on the piccolo said to himself, "With all of this music, my little instrument does not matter." He stopped playing. Suddenly, Sir Michael Costa held up his arms for quiet. When everything was still, he cried, "Where is the piccolo?" He had missed the music of this tiny instrument. So it is that the Lord misses us when we fail to serve Him. He wants each small child of His to faithfully do his work.

—Selected.

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# Editorial

## CHRISTMAS

**T**HE DATE-LINE of this Evangelical Visitor is December 24. We hope the crowded mails will not hinder this issue getting to you by Dec. 25. Its program of production was stepped up in order to speed it on its way.

In this issue you will find some items that are distinctively Christmas in their emphasis. We have included certain other articles that deserve a prominent place in a Christmas Number. Under the title "Korea-December 1950" you will read some first-hand information as of one year ago that deeply stirs one's soul. Our surroundings at this season of the year in contrast to these Korean Christians should move us deeply to a renewed devotion to Christ.

The article by Bishop H. H. Brubaker—"Preparation for Service" is significant. It should be the aim of each Christian to give the best type of service that he can render. We should remember that when we have "Given our best" we are as yet unprofitable servants.

Then too, this issue is significant in that we now draw down the curtain on 1951 and will of necessity need to write 1952 by the next issue. This is being written with about one half of December's history yet to be made. In these days of rapid-fire events, much can happen to have an influence on how we enter 1952.



We are warned that somewhere about December 20 the millionth traffic fatality since the beginning of the automobile era will occur. December 27 will likely be a meaningful day so far as the bloodshed and heartache of the Korean War is concerned.

As we review the year we give thanks to God for His blessing and guidance. Recognition is due church leaders who in addition to manifold other church duties have made contribution to the publication interests of our brotherhood.

The staff of E. V. Publishing House and Christian Light Press join in wishing all a joyful and Christ-like Christmas and the blessing of a happy and prosperous year in 1952.

—J. N. H.

set apart three hours of every twenty-four for this spiritual exercise; at another period in his life he gave himself to private prayer seven times a day; at another time it was his habit to spend a part of every hour when awake praying; at still another, ten minutes of every hour.

Freeborn Garretson said of him that he prayed the most and prayed the best of any man he ever knew. When men mocked him, his revenge was a prayer that God would bless them.

"I am much employed in the spirit and duty of prayer," he wrote. "My desire is that prayer should mix with every thought, with every wish, with every word, and with every action; that all might ascend as a holy, acceptable sacrifice to God."—*Gospel Banner*.

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.—*Flavel*.

"Were half the power that fills the world with terror, were half the wealth bestowed upon camps and courts given to redeem the human mind from error, there were no need for arsenals and forts."

—Henry W. Longfellow.

### "Witnessing"

Helen Hock

"YE SHALL be witnesses unto me," this was Christ's last command unto his disciples and is still for us to follow today. We may not be preachers or under some mission board but still we are responsible for those unsaved souls around us. There is no command in all the New Testament for a sinner to go to church after the Gospel, but there are multiplied commands for we as Christians to take the Gospel to the sinner.

There may be times when sending a letter will do good, or just living a consistent Christian life may win some for Christ but still there are many who just need a personal word of encouragement from you. The Lord has called us to be fishers of men but we must leave the shore and stop waiting for them to come to us and launch out into the deep where the multitudes are. If we are to catch men for Christ we must go where they are.

Let each of us be soul winners for the Lord in our home communities by living a Christ-like life and by doing visitation work in trying to lead them to Christ. We can never expect the world to come to us for the message; we must go to them with the message.

### Not Far From the Kingdom

Gypsy Smith tells an interesting story of a clergyman who came to him in despair confessing utter failure in his field and expressing the belief that he no longer had anything to warrant his retention in the ministry.

"Can't you think of a single thing in your parish that is encouraging?" asked the great evangelist.

Puzzled and depressed, a ray of light at last broke across the preacher's face, as he said, "I can think of only one thing. The little children love me."

The big-hearted evangelist put his hand tenderly on the shoulder of the other and said, "My brother, thou art not far from the kingdom of God!"

—Sel.

### Bishop Asbury and Prayer

Thus he began every day: "Rose this morning with a determination to fight or die, and spent an hour in earnest prayer."

Communion with God through prayer was his very life. "Having a day of rest from public exercise, I spent it in meditation, prayer and reading."

He was always planning to secure more time for prayer. "I feel determined to use more private prayer, and may the Lord make me more serious, more watchful and more holy."

Wherever he stopped for the night, he prayed; wherever he ate, he closed the meal with prayer. At the approach of conference, he sought opportunities for special prayer for divine guidance.

At one time it was his practice to





## Preparation for Service

*H. H. Brubaker*

"**H**E SEALETH up the hand of every man. That all men whom he hath made may know it". Job. 37:7 "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Philip. 3:7

In the brief notes which follow we are considering the matter of preparation for Christian service. There is no mass production in the making of God's workers. This fact makes the difference between man's cleverness and God's supremacy. Every human being is a unique and incomparable person. Job expressed this idea when he spoke of the seal on the hand of every man. Job knew about fingerprints. There is the stamp of personality on the individual. Each individual has his own particular stamp. It is very important to have our character formed and fixed early in life. Some one has said that the time to prepare the missionary is in the nursery. Childhood characteristics follow right down through life. The wilful, strong-minded child becomes the head-strong co-laborer. The must-be-leader-in-everything child in the home becomes the domineering type in school and college and on the mission station. The co-operative self-effacing mission worker stems from the unselfish, agreeable child.

Our gifts and characteristics must come under the chisel in training. We must not indulge the peculiar bent of our personal characters even though this bent be in the nature of a priceless gift. The brainy bookworm should mix with practical men, learn to handle tools and to study the face of nature. The pastoral, close-to-nature living African will not be much impressed by an ability to quote from Shakespeare and to give the meaning in Greek and Hebrew of Scripture if the missionary does not know something about when it is

time to plant corn and that steers can be put to uses other than beef-steak. The person who thinks and acts quickly requires to learn the mastery of tedious detail so that when he contacts a race which is content to sit down and spend weeks making a skin blanket and endless hours plaiting a grass basket, he will be found with consideration and patience. This quality is needed also in working with his less quick co-laborers. The meticulous person whose contribution of work is painfully small, though of irreproachable quality, needs the touch of the goad to force him into an increased output. Then there is the ambitious person, dominated by the urge to excell.

This type of person is liable to that terrible canker called jealousy. And O, how many broken hearts and blighted lives this dread thing has caused in church work. We dare not be lenient with this. Every gift, though it will be a valuable asset later on, needs the chisel during preparation. Then in the years to come when the worker has acquired wisdom, understanding, experience, balance and faithfulness he will have the qualities which make his Divinely bestowed peculiarities a unique contribution to the whole body of Christ.

The training of workers for service is not an easy nor an enviable task. One principal of a training college said, "I should say the main difficulty in producing A-1 workers comes from the preponderance of those whose piety is in excess of their strength of character. This is the type of student which says in the greatest confidence, 'I am sorry to find that the atmosphere of the college is not as Spiritual as I had hoped. A few of us meet daily for prayer in my room'. To the question 'Is

there no general daily prayer meeting at the college?' the answer is given, 'Oh, yes, but we can pray over things more freely when there are only a few of us'." Later these same characteristics are carried on to the mission field or wherever the worker is placed, and with all their piety, instead of being spiritual rocks, they become treacherous shoals where many a good reputation is lost in the quicksands of confidential indiscretions. Under the excuse of praying more freely where only a few meet, the law of Christ is broken which requires that one first speak to one's brother alone.

This type of person enters every community with a spiritual superiority complex. In college, it was the head and teachers which came under criticism, on the mission field it is the senior missionary who does not measure up to standard. Later on the native ministers and leaders are reported as living on a low standard and sadly in need of a revival. It is true that there are no doubt some mistakes made in our training colleges; that in some missionary communities the spiritual tone is not as good as it should be; where spontaneous service of the first love has given way to the dreary grind of the daily round of duties; that some native leaders have loved this present world as they did in the time of the Apostle Paul. We repeat, all this is true. If it has been entrusted to one to see such things and a heart to feel them, then he has been given a very delicate piece of work, and it behoves him to move very carefully in close step with the Master, for at such a time it is not words but actions that count and in the final issue not even doing, but it will be what we are that will really count.

These are days of specialized training and doubtless there is much to be said in its favor. There are, however, some definite weakness in specialized training which we wish to mention. It affords no help in the art of making contacts with all kinds of people. It many times gives the first touch of aloofness to a worker. On the mission field the worker will feel he is a specialist in his field and will suffer no interference in his department. This exposes a work to the danger of breaking up into departments. Then too a missionary suffers irreparable loss if he is stamped as a person of one profession. He limits his usefulness.

The most important field of preparation is that of our Spiritual natures.

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# Korea -- December 1950

*The following article originates from an address by Dr. Bob Pierce, international evangelist and president of the relief organization "World Vision, Inc." of Portland, Oregon. The address was given Nov. 2 in the Elizabethtown College Auditorium, and was sponsored by the Laymen's League of our Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ church.*

THE STORY began during Dr. Pierce's first visit to Korea—just a few weeks before the war began. He had been participating in a great revival campaign in the capital city of Seoul, when at the close of a service in one of the high schools there, three hundred students responded en masse to the call of the Lord Jesus. A young Christian teacher in the school subsequently organized a Bible class for them, but their fellowship was ill-fated. The Communist regime took control, and after a short imprisonment this teacher was marshalled into the courtyard of his school, where his students had been assembled for their teacher's trial. Holding the bayonet at his back, with their harsh, raucous voices the officers ordered from him the confession that he was engaging in espionage for the Americans.

"Confess to these students that this Bible you're teaching is only a myth! Admit that it's all a diabolic plot of the Americans . . ."

As the teacher, bantered from both sides, hesitated to answer, they impatiently nudged him and cried: "All right, confess your guilt and die in decency and quiet away from here, or you'll die before the whole crowd!"

Thereupon, with a prayer for strength, the little man spoke. "I confess that I taught you the Bible, and that I told you about God, Who sent His only begotten Son to save whosoever believes. I admit that I told you that if you put your trust in God you would have eternal life. . . . And yet, hundreds of our friends have already died for their faith. I admit that I taught that the Bible is God's Holy Word, and that it can be depended on, when everything else fails. I confess that I taught you its promises, and that we shall never perish, but shall one day reign with our Savior, Who will be King of kings and Lord of lords!"

And then he concluded: "I want to look you in the eye, and with death right at my side, I want to tell you

that if I ever believed that what I taught you was true . . . if I ever trusted in God—I DO NOW! I plead with you: when everything is crumbling, and there is nothing to hold, cling to Christ!"

Thwarted, the officers in rage retorted with a bullet, and students carried back to a young wife the news of her husband's death. But this was only the beginning of sorrows. On that fateful day in December 1950, Seoul was doomed, and this widow with her three children—one a baby never seen by its father—joined a horde of five million refugees for a two-hundred mile trek to



## The Last Hour

*The sunset burns across the sky  
Upon the air its warning cry—  
The curfew tolls from tower to  
tower;*

*Oh, children, 'tis the last hour.*

*The work that centuries might have  
done*

*Must crowd the hour of setting sun;  
And through all lands the saving  
Name*

*Ye must in fervent haste proclaim.*

*The fields are white to harvest;  
Weep on, tardy reapers, as you reap,  
For wasted hours that might have  
won*

*Rich harvest ere the set of sun.*

*We hear His footsteps on the way;  
Oh, work while it is called today,  
Constrained by love, endued with  
power,*

*Oh, children, in this last, last hour.  
—Author Unknown.*

Taegu, a city in the south where they would be safe from the enemy. It was in the sub-freezing weather of the New Year's season; many did not reach their destination. Dr. Pierce told of walking along that road and being still able to find the bodies of mothers and children huddled close in a chill embrace of death. (Last winter, during the months of November, December, and January, it is estimated that no less than one and one-half million Koreans froze to death. We cannot comprehend such aggregation of human suffering—especially we who surround the cozy American fireside.)

This little mother fought battles that thousands of other Koreans faced, especially in the quiet night, as she and her brood of three lay shivering in one common bundle under a cold, stoical sky. The Evil One would taunt: "Where is thy God? Does He care, to let you suffer like this? You aren't any better off than the unbelievers dying beside you!" And many Korean Christians were wondering why all these sorrows were poured upon them, who had attended prayer services before dawn—daily—for five years. "We were serving God the best we could. Why . . . why does all this happen to us?"

One would vainly presume to fathom the Will and Purpose of an Infinite God, but there is the promise that such experiences become crucibles of refining for a faith that shall "redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Thousands of Koreans have staunchly maintained their faith in God though confronted with the ultimate in human suffering, and thus have won for themselves crowns of life more resplendent than any obtained at lesser sacrifice.

*"O, for a faith that will not shrink,  
Though pressed by every foe—  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of any earthly woe!"*

*—Reported by John K. Kreider.*

## Tidings of Great Joy

A bigoted Chinese who never could be induced to attend a Christian service went to a missionary and said, "I want to hear about your religion: I never have heard the words of it, but I have heard the laughter in your house and in the houses of my countrymen who have embraced your faith. And if you have anything that makes people so joyous, I want it."

*—Selected.*





worship him." (Matt. 2:1,2) "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11)

True gifts are found in those things that serve man's need as told and exemplified by the three Wise Men. How divinely they were directed through the revelation of the star to the place where the Christ child lay! What directed and prompted them to give the gifts they gave and to leave an example for us? Was it not revealed through the one to whom the star pointed! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." When God is dethroned, Christ is exiled, and the Holy Spirit grieved in the daily life



## Preparation for Service

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First in this connection is the habit of prayer and communion with God. Prayer is the battle field where victories are won. The worker must learn not only how to pray, but what to pray for; he must learn how to do not only God's will, but also how to get God's will done on earth as it is in heaven. The worker must have dealt with all the unholy things of his life by allowing the cleansing operation of the Holy Spirit to work upon his heart. The worker must expect a lonely life where his Spiritual life will be sustained by no visible source. He will have to depend upon the Holy Spirit who will be his final Teacher, Inspirer, Admonisher and Rectifier. Our preparation for service will have to include a knowledge of the presence of God in day by day practice. It will mean having learned how every day can be made a holy day and even the most menial task will be as unto God and be graced by His blessing.

# "Freely Ye Have Received-- Freely Give"

*Samuel Lady*

THIS is a time of year when much time and means is spent in the exchanging of gifts. I think one of the American people's failings is to carry things to the extreme, causing the true meaning of the practice to be lost. Many of the homes of those who have supposedly accepted the gift of life through Jesus Christ, have stressed Santa Clause and trees more than Christ and truth. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6)

Miss Mears, head of one of the largest Sunday schools in America and editor-in-chief of the famous Gospel Light graded lessons, made this statement in Des Moines recently, "Never teach a child anything that will have to be untaught in later life." While I was in conversation with several reporters of the Des Moines daily press, they made this statement. "We are tired of stressing Santa Clause in our paper. We want something sacred and serious."

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews: for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to

of men. During this season of the year it is easy to cross them out with "X-mas".

Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Jesus came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. Jesus freely gave His life in love. The Wise Men caught the true meaning of the supreme gift! They presented unto Him frankincense from Persia symbolizing Christ as Priest. He who knew no sin was made sin for us. He bowed in subjection to the heavenly Father. They presented unto Him gold from India symbolizing Christ as King. "Behold your king!" "Though he be chief among you, he became servant of all." "To serve the present age my calling to fulfill." They presented unto Him myrrh from Arabia symbolizing Christ as Physician. "Physician, heal thyself." "He saved others, himself he cannot save." "If thou be the Christ, come down from the cross." Yes, the great Physician suffered the agony of death and gave His life that we might live.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?" The Thessalonians first gave themselves. Mary broke the alabaster box. The widow gave all she had. What gifts could be more suitable at this time of the year than our tithes and offerings for the work of the Lord carried on by the church through such

mediums as our home and foreign missions and other public benevolence. We can further express the true spirit of Christmas by supplying the temporal, physical, and spiritual need of those about us. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "A cup of cold water in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward." We can also help to bring peace on earth and express good will towards all men by an exchange of suitable, serviceable, seasonable, and sensible gifts among our selves. The exchange of guns and army tanks in toy land to the exchange of bombs in battlefields is not the Jesus way of life. He taught and practiced the whole law expressed in the two great commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, strength, mind, and soul." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Freely ye have received, freely give." Amen.



## *The Preacher's Notebook*

# Sinner's Half-Way Place

C. Ray Heisey

IT WAS a filling station in South Dakota. It was located half-way between somewhere and somewhere else. Just where, the story doesn't say and that doesn't matter. Sinner was the name of the proprietor; whether he was or whether he was not isn't known either, and that doesn't matter, for the moment. What is of interest to us is the large sign over the building which read, "Sinner's Half-Way Place." It was a good place to have beside the road, for travelers received benefit and there is no need for discounting the good just because of the name.

We are thinking of places along Life's highway which are not so named but which literally provide the experience suggested by this name. It were better for humanity if a large neon sign were placed over the entrance with the proper title so all who enter for refueling and hope for eternity would know that such help and assurance was not obtainable here. To explain we turn the pages of history back to 1700 A. D.

The city is Northampton in New England. The building is a Church, the pastor is dead. The Church is too, or at least most of it must have been dead or there would have been a better understanding of what the new pastor was trying to do and there would have been much prayer in his behalf that God would help him do it, for this Church was fast arriving at the place where it should have had the name suggested by our title. Shocking? Yes! Tragic? Yes, but true.

You see, it was like this, there were many who enjoyed the fellowship of the Church but did not appreciate the call of the Church to "come out from them and be separate," in order that God could be "a father" to them. There was so much in the world around them to occupy their attention pleasantly that this latter thought found little place in their thinking for it required discipline. There were good people, so to speak, enthusiastic givers, congratulating the preacher when he spoke on themes to their liking and which did not disturb their daily doings. It was "strong meat" which showed up their un-rightness in the light of God's holiness which gave to their disposition a sudden rise in temperature, as we shall see. This business of being different from the crowd around them—well, they just couldn't see it that way and other matters were preferred in the preaching. The tragic state did not happen suddenly, like acute appendicitis, but developed very gradually, like cancer. So, in order to understand we must turn

the pages of history back farther.

It is 1662 (you see, that is "forty years" back of 1700). In order to accommodate everybody and offend nobody or at least not to offend those whose contributions were counted valuable to the program then pending, a meeting of the Synod adopted what they called "The Half Way Covenant", which read as follows: "persons not sufficiently advanced in grace for full membership in the Church could secure membership for their babies." Heretofore it wasn't like this. The Church would not extend this privilege and blessing to unregenerate parents, who, themselves would not take seriously, the vows requisite to loyal dedication of children to the Lord.

Solomon Stoddard, who was a very accommodating pastor, and who desired to keep things together, liked this idea and added to it: "professing Christians who are not sure, should be permitted to take communion." Then, in order to keep the Church roll looking good and everything rolling he "improved" it still more by adding that, "people may become members on a profession of faith; no affirmation of experience necessary."



To be fair to this good man we must record that he was a zealous and sympathetic preacher. He had had five outstanding revivals between 1669 and 1718; the last when he was a father in Israel, just five years short of four score. Folks were being added to the church. He had written a tract entitled, "A Guide to Christ" which proved a great blessing to a young student at Yale, when he was seeking after God, and who later became known as The Apostle to the Indians. And he was "sternly opposed to excessive drinking, long hair and wigs (for men) and fancy wardrobes."

However, to be true the truth must be told. We read that the Church filled up with members "between whom and stark worldlings, there was not an hair's breadth of

difference." It did not seem to be even a "half way place for sinners". But so it is. Such a Church had lost its lifting power and was fast losing its motive power. It was moving and moving rapidly, but alas, its direction was wrong and none seemed to know it. Yes, there were some who recognized it—a few—among them the pastor upon whose shoulders fell the mantle of Solomon Stoddard.

It is no surprise then, to read that there was trouble when Jonathan Edwards was installed in the place left vacant by the death of his grandfather. The glorious Gospel of the blessed God which he must declare had no place for this "half way" business among those who professed to be going all the way with the Lord. He was not one to see a silver spoon when he was looking at a spade. To him things were bad, very bad, and he must needs tell men so, for upon him rested responsibility for the destiny of their souls. We wonder why the preception of his good forbear was so poor that he couldn't see the decay going on right in front of the pulpit.

Church members were finding their pleasure in "frolics". In our language, according to Dr. Day, these pastimes of professors would classify as "fast moving Hollywood studio parties." There were social practices among the young people which militated against "keep thyself pure." Church members themselves were aiding and abetting this delinquency endangering to morals, by encouragement and participation. The young people just had to have a good time.

Suppose ye that this preacher, "venerated for his saintliness, hated for his pitiless assaults on pretenders" could be a "good mixer" in such circumstances? Nay, he was called to be God's Separator. This man, called to be an Apostle, couldn't call evil good, especially not when it was in the house of God. This man who preached with such unction on the theme, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God", that people actually felt themselves slipping into torment because of sin, could not be expected to refrain from telling his people that such things as they were doing were not well pleasing unto God. Nor did

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

AS SLATED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Attention of General Conference Secretary

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### RADIO BROADCASTS

CHVC, Niagara Falls, Ontario	1600 Kcs.
"Call to Worship Hour"	
Each Sunday 9:00-9:30 A.M.	
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"Brethren in Christ Hour"	
Each Sunday 2:00-2:30 P.M.	
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First Thursday of every month	
12:00-1:00 P.M.	
Every Tuesday—transcription	
3:00-3:30 P.M.	
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Each Sunday 10:00-10:15 A.M.	
WCHA, Chambersburg, Pa.	800 Kcs.
"The Gospel Tide Hour"	
Each Sunday 7:30-8:00 A.M.	
WCHA, Chambersburg, Pa.	800 Kcs.
"Gospel Words and Music"	
Each Saturday 12:35-1:00 P.M.	
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"Gospel Words and Music"	
Each Sunday 2:30-3:00 P.M.	
WLBR, Lebanon, Pa.	1270 Kcs.
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"Gospel Words and Music"	
Each Sunday 8:00-8:30 A.M.	
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"Christian Fellowship Mission"	
Each Sunday 12:30-1:00 P.M.	
WPFB, Middletown, Ohio	910 Kcs.
"Gospel Lighthouse Hour"	
Each Sunday 8:00-8:30 A.M.	
WBUX, Quakertown, Pa.	1570 Kcs.
"Sunday Bible Hour"	
Each Sunday 12:30-1:00 P.M.	
WLXW, Carlisle, Pa.	1380 Kcs.
"The Verse of the Day"	
Each Sunday 8:05-8:20 A.M.	
WLBR, Lebanon, Pa.	1270 Kcs.
"The Living Hope Program"	
Each Saturday 2:00-2:30 P.M.	
WVAM, Altoona, Pa.	1430 Kcs.
"Youth Crusaders Hour"	
Each Sunday 8:30-9:00 A.M.	
KFGQ, Boone, Iowa	1260 Kcs.
"Gospel Hour Broadcast"	
Sunday 9:00-9:30 A.M.	
Thursday 4:15-4:45 P.M.	

### Evangelistic Slate

Revival Meeting at Locust Grove,  
(York County) Pa. .... March 2-16  
Evangelist Bishop E. J. Swalm



## Births

**PYE**—Born Aug. 7 in Landour community hospital to Arthur and Phyllis Pye of Barjora mission, India, a son, Wendell Robert.

**SLAYMAKER**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slaymaker, Lancaster, R. 7, Pa., a daughter, Betty Arlene, November 8, 1951.

**SNAVELY**—Mr. and Mrs. John Snavely, Manheim, R. 1, Pa., a son, Donald Lee, September 10, 1951.

**WENGER**—Bro. and Sr. Blair E. Wenger, Chambersburg, Pa. R. 3, are the happy parents of a daughter, Bonita Kay born Nov. 23, 1951.

## Obituaries

**BOOK**—Mary Ellen Book, was born at Sterling, Illinois, on March 3, 1860. She departed this life November 26, 1951, having the advanced age of 91, years, 8 months, and 23 days.

In the year of 1878 on December 31, she was united in marriage to Jacob W. Book. To this union were born two sons, and nine daughters. One son and three daughters preceded her in death.

Her husband also passed away on May 1, 1919.

There yet remains of the immediate family: John Book, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Mary Byer, Upland, California; Mrs. Emma Brubaker, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Abram Brechbill, Abilene, Kansas; Mrs. Ray I. Witter, Navarre, Kansas; Mrs. Henry Brubaker, Grantham, Penna.; Mrs. Myron Eshelman, White City, Kansas; also 27 grandchildren, and 38 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild survives her.

The early part of their home life was in Illinois, later in Iowa a few years, and then they moved to Lost Springs, and later to Ramona, Kansas. The major part of their lives were enjoyed in these communities.

At the early age of 22 years, she professed a definite experience of Salvation and united with the Brethren in Christ Church, where she remained loyal to her close.

She often expressed her rich fellowship with the Lord in song, testimony and expressing a desire to depart and be with the Lord.

Perhaps the old familiar hymn, "In the sweet bye and bye," expresses more fully her anticipation for the future. This being her favorite hymn which she often sang.

The funeral service was held from the Winthrow Funeral Home, of Hope, Kansas and Rosebank Church with burial in the Ramona Cemetery.

**HOFFMAN**—Ellen L. Hoffman, daughter of Samuel E. and Anna Lenhart Hoffman was born in East Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on January 6, 1868, and entered into rest December 1, 1951, at her home near Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania, aged 83 years, 10 months, and 25 days. She was converted at the age of 18 years and united with the Brethren in Christ Church. Some years later she dedicated her life to the Lord and lived a consistent Christian life, always enjoying and attending the means of Grace when able.

For the last ten years, due to infirmities of age, she was confined to her home. For 34 years she lived with her sister, niece and grandniece. She was one of 10 children. Two sisters survive, Maria L. and Mrs. Annie Brubaker, 14 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held December 5 at the Nissley Funeral Home in Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania. Rev. I. W. Musser and Rev. Harry Brubaker officiated. Text: Acts 9:36-39 and Mark 14:8. Burial in Cross Roads cemetery.

**LONG**—Frank M. Long, son of David W. and Mary Katherine Long was born June 12, 1867, at Parkersburg, West Virginia and departed this life November 14th at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 2 days.

On March the 27, 1899 he was united in marriage to Ella Sheets. Two children, Anna Mae and Clarence Edgar came to cheer this home. In 1929 sadness came into this family circle by the only son being taken by death.

Frank was the last member of a large family of 12 boys and 2 girls.

Those of the immediate family to mourn his loss are: his wife with whom he journeyed over 52 years, a daughter Anna Mae Nance of Dayton, Ohio, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Brethren in Christ chapel, Dayton, Ohio in charge of Eld. Wm. H. Engle assisted by Bishop Wm. H. Boyer.

## Review and Study Committee Meeting

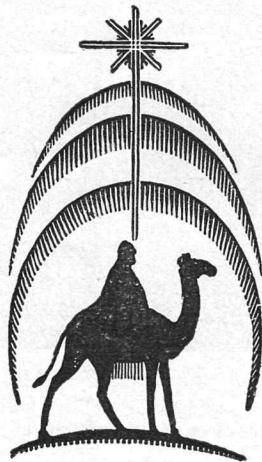
The Church Review and Study Committee will be meeting at the Messiah Home in Harrisburg, Penna. on January 4 and 5, 1952.

In accordance with Conference action regarding Article XIX, Item 4, p. 35,36 of the General Conference Minutes of 1951, the committee extends opportunity to any who may care to give expression relative to this item.

Letters may be sent to any member of the committee or personal contact with the committee may be arranged for on Friday afternoon, January 4 at the Messiah Home.

Any individual or group desiring such an interview should contact the chairman immediately.

Bishop Samuel F. Wolgemuth  
Chairman  
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania



**PUTMAN**—Angus Putman was born August 2, 1894, and was accidentally killed while at work, December 7, 1951, at the age of fifty-seven years. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Emma, five sons, Fred, Walter, Herschel, Ross and Lenford; two daughters, Grace (Mrs. Neil McLean) and Wilma. His aged mother (widow of the late Elder James Putman) and three brothers, Albert, Clarence and David; three sisters, Mrs. Lorne Lambert, Mrs. Earl Lambert and Mrs. Etta Bowers also survived him.

Funeral services were in the Brethren in Christ Church at Wainfleet, conducted by Bishop Edward Gilmore. Burial in the Maple Lawn cemetery.

**SETT**—Levi Sett was born August 21, 1860, and died in his home at Wainfleet, December 5, 1951, at the age of ninety-one years. He leaves to mourn his loss, three sons, Wellington, Raymond and Ben and one daughter, Lillie (Mrs. Clarence Putman).

Funeral services were conducted in the Brethren in Christ Church at Wainfleet by Bishop Edward Gilmore. Burial in the Maple Lawn cemetery.

**STAUFFER**—Bertha Marie Stauffer, daughter of the late Henry and Lizzie Eberly, who was born April 12, 1886, died February 4, 1951, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

She passed away following a brief illness due to a heart attack.

She was a faithful member of the Manor-Pequea district for many years, having been saved at the early age of thirteen. Funeral services were conducted from the Pequea Church by the Rev. Cyrus Lutz and Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr.

## Urgently Needed \$7800

Quarterly allowance for	
Africa	\$5,000.00
Quarterly allowance for	
India	4,304.00
Furlough fares from India	4,500.00
Other quarterly needs	2,317.00

Total needs by Jan. 1st. \$16,121.00

Estimated deficit in funds at this writing \$7,800.00.

Why not make the Foreign Mission Program a subject of your Christmas gifts? Remember that such a gift would be helping to give the wonderful Christmas story to thousands in the lands of Africa and India. Send your gift to Bishop C. J. Ulery, treas., 1332 Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio.

Foreign Mission Board  
Henry N. Hostetter, Ex. Sec'y.

"Stars shine brightest in the darkest night; torches are better for beating; grapes come not to the proof till they come to the press; spices smell the best when they are bruised; young trees root faster for shaking; gold looks brighter for scouring; juniper smells sweetest in the fire; the palm-tree proves the better for pressing. Such is the condition of God's children. They are most triumphant when most tempted; most glorious when most afflicted."

In addition to her husband, Harrison Stauffer, she is survived by the following children: Kurvin Stauffer, Orlando, Florida; Mrs. Isaiah Frey, Conestoga, Pa.; Lloyd Stauffer, Douglasville, Pa.; Melvin Stauffer, Sandusky, Mich.; Mrs. Warren Sherman, Wilmore, Kentucky; Maurice Stauffer, Quarryville, Pa.; Harry Stauffer, Ephrata, Pa.; Marvin Stauffer, Pottstown, Pa.; Verna Stauffer, Lancaster, Pa.; Clair Stauffer, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Wilburt Stauffer, Lititz, Pa.; Christian Stauffer, Lancaster, Pa.; and Roy Stauffer, Conestoga, Pa.

Also surviving are three brothers and one sister: Dr. Abram Eberly, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs. John Slaymaker, Chester Eberly, Strasburg; and John Eberly, Quarryville.

**WINKLER**—Rebecca Jane Winkler (Horst) was born at Canton, Ohio, June 23, 1871, and died November 21, 1951, aged 80 years, 8 months and 17 days. She was married to John W. Winkler December 7, 1891. To this union was born nine children. Her husband and six children preceded her in death. There remains to mourn her death, one daughter, Mrs. I. Y. Lawton of Wooster, Ohio; two sons, Morris Winkler of Creston, Ohio, also Paul C. Winkler also of Creston, Ohio; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was converted at the age of twenty-seven years and soon after united with the Brethren in Christ Church and was a faithful witness for her Lord till death. We mourn not as those who have no hope.

The funeral service was held in Smithville, in the Church of God church and was conducted by Bishop W. J. Myers and Rev. George Brown who was the daughter's pastor and assisted by Rev. H. L. Greiner, Church of God minister.

It is not the possession of extraordinary usefulness but the dedication of what we have to the service of the Lord.



# With the Church

## In The Homeland

### MINISTERIAL SEMINAR TO MEET AT GRANTHAM JANUARY 8, 9, and 10

January 8, 9 and 10 are important dates for every Brethren in Christ Minister. Every minister residing in the Central and Eastern Conference districts as well as Eastern Canada will be expected to attend the Seminar for Ministers at Messiah College, Grantham, Pa. All other Brethren in Christ Ministers, licensed ministers, and mission workers will certainly be welcome.

The evening sessions of January 3 and 9 will be open to all, ministers and laymen alike. This will be a real opportunity to hear men of God speak on subjects of vital interest to every Christian.

The purpose of the Seminar is to give Brethren in Christ Ministers an opportunity to learn to know each other better. Here they will not only be close to each other, but close to God. An attempt will be made to clear the vision, to see the task, and learn how to handle the tools, so that we can better build the church.

Ministers are church builders in more than one sense. This Seminar is intended to spark and give power to the preacher. He should leave the Seminar a new man, fired with a holy purpose to serve his God and his people better than ever before. To this end we ask that our people everywhere pray for their ministers, and this Seminar, that this may be the beginning of a real God-sent revival in our church.

Shall we as ministers pray for ourselves? Shall we pray for the Seminar, and particularly for those who will in a special way minister to us.

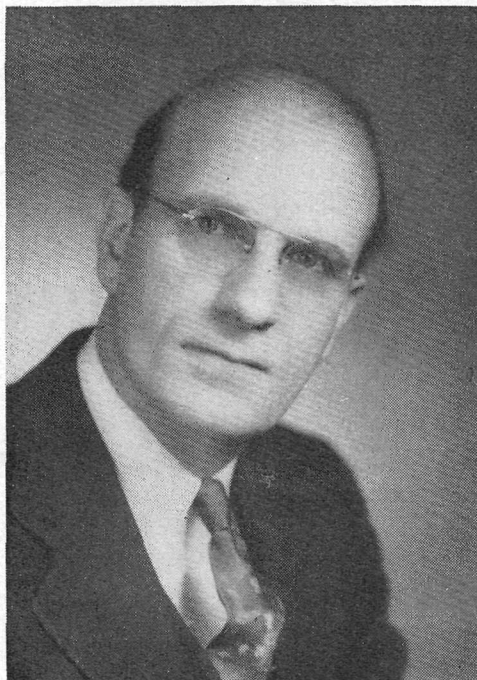
### Church Reports

#### Pequea Revivals

On Sunday, November 4 we had a Bible Conference Program. We were pleased to have Elder Paul W. McBeth, Elder Arthur Musser and Elder Graybill Wolgemuth with us for this service.

This was the opening of our revival meetings which continued until November 22 with Bro. Paul McBeth of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania as our evangelist.

Bro. McBeth delivered inspiring and heart searching messages and the power of the spirit was manifest in convicting power.



Rev. Howard F. Sugden, guest speaker at the seminar, is pastor of the Central Baptist Church, London, Ontario.

The presence of the Lord could be felt in the services, the afternoon and evening prayer meetings and the days that were spent in fasting and prayer were a time of rich spiritual blessings. More than a score of people knelt at an altar of prayer to be saved and sanctified. A number of the Sunday School children were saved in the Sunday morning services.

The congregations has been challenged anew by the Spirit through Bro. McBeth to greater efforts in witnessing for the Lord.  
L. S. H.

#### Valley Chapel, Canton, Ohio

We had an enrollment of 103 at our Vacation Bible School in May with an average attendance of 73. The interest was very good. Sr. Ruby Buckwalter was Supt. with a good staff of workers from our local church as teachers.

The offering which was taken amounted to \$29.30 and was used for Christmas bundles for Europe. Others gave to this cause so that twelve bundles were sent amounting to over \$86.00.

We surely appreciated the help that Sr. Martha Sentz gave us both in the Valley Chapel Memorial Faith Home and among the children of our Sunday School and the inspiration she brought us in our regular services and prayer meetings. She was

with us from Jan. till Sept. when she was called home because of the illness of her mother.

Our Sewing Circle with Sr. Ressie Buckwalter as our capable leader, has been doing a worthy work sewing children's clothing, these bundles of new clothing being sent to Akron, Pa. to be sent to Europe for relief. We also brought the material and made 18 hospital gowns for the work at New Mexico, 25 towels, and four quilts for single beds. We received a letter of appreciation from them stating how very much they needed the gowns and that our sewing circle was the first to have sent them any.

Three of our young people from the district, Bro. Eugene Rohrer, Sr. Doris Rohrer and Sr. Mary Sue Williams gave a month's free labor in helping with the Hospital Project at Bloomfield, New Mexico among the Navajo Indians. The sisters help was much appreciated with the many duties around the Mission Station, helping with the washing and ironing and canning of fruit.

We appreciated so much the presence of Bishop Lafayette Shoalts over the love feast in November and the few nights extra services he gave us. His Godly Council and admonition gave us a deeper determination to live closer to the Lord.

Will you pray for our work here and especially that God will meet with us in saving power during our coming revival in January which will be held by Bishop Edward Gilmore.  
—Cor. L. T. H.

#### Lancaster, Pa.

About three years ago several sisters were inspired to create a more inclusive spiritual program among the children in the vicinity of the Caroline Street Church. A Thursday afternoon children's program was planned and announced weekly. Sometimes the sisters told Bible stories to three or four children, while dozens of children were entertained on the playground across the street. This discouraging situation demanded more prayer and careful planning.

Sister Leroy Walters and Sister Ruth Heisey promoted, at the beginning of the school year, a Bible club, which was arranged for each Friday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. A house to house visitation program was begun and invitations to attend were given to all children three years and over. Cards were addressed and sent weekly to about one hundred homes.

Four teen-age Christian girls became active in this program by assisting with the teaching, and by going to the homes, sometimes bringing with them back to the club, ten or more little ones.

Seven classes have been arranged and the group has grown to about eighty children during the period of two years.

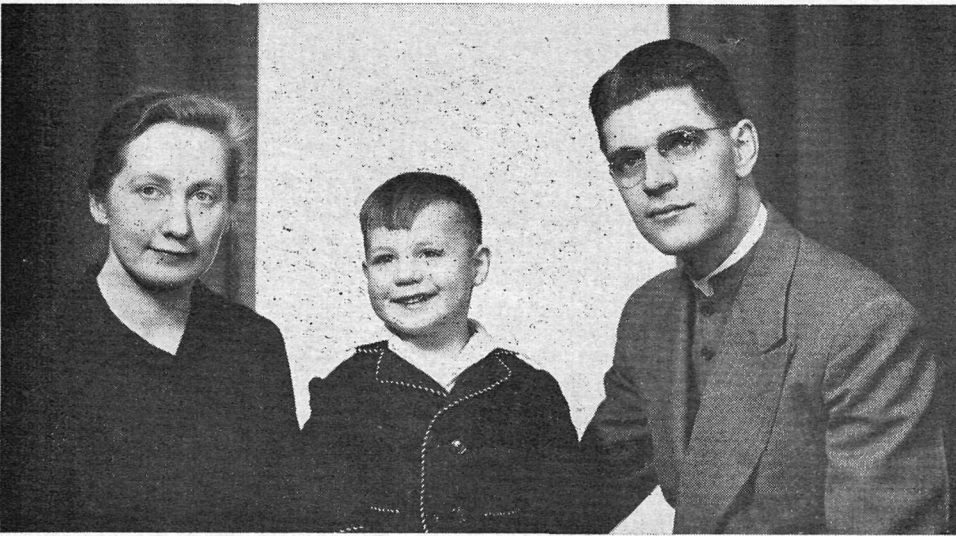
Our leaders encourage our Young People's Society to continue the visitation and to enlarge the teaching staff that they may accommodate more children. The club is financed as a project of the Lancaster Young People's Society.

The response to the Bible stories and spiritual influence is encouraging. Several families have started to attend Sunday School and we trust the decisions made for Christ may not be taken lightly, as many of these children have very little Christian influence in their homes. Many touching incidents occurred through the visitation work.

Our congregation has been grateful for the contribution Brother Frank Kipe made in the past several years. He served as Sunday School Superintendent and taught in the Bible Club. Our Young People's (Continued on page twelve)



## On The Foreign Field



Rev. Arthur and Phyllis Pye with their son Elwood

### A LETTER FROM THE PYES IN INDIA

Barjora Mission,  
Nov. 22, 1951

Dear Visitor Friends:

How time does fly! Even in the East where the usual tempo is slow, it seems that a year and a half has never gone so fast. First it was language study in Landour, then more study with a pandit at Madhipura followed by examinations at Patna. Then it was another summer of study in the hills and another set of examinations. Now we are at Barjora where the real language problems are just beginning. There is a very wide gap between the completion of the second year Hindi course and the fluency that is so essential in mission work.

Our arrival at Barjora coincided with the beginning of a refresher course for Christian workers of the mission. This was only for the men but a similar one for women followed in Saharsa. The appeal that as many as possible should come, met with good response and interest was maintained at a fairly high level during most of the six weeks. A few of our young men are seminary trained but it was felt that they would benefit nearly as much as the others from a systematic study of some of the Bible books and related subjects with a strong emphasis on evangelism and personal witnessing. The teaching task was shared by missionaries and Indian preachers. During the last two weeks of the institute, two teams went out nightly into the nearby villages and gave challenging messages. The village people welcomed the workers and listened attentively while the illustrated messages were given. Our prayer is that at least some of the seed may have fallen on good soil.

As new missionaries looking into the future at Barjora we feel that there is a great deal to inspire genuine hope and optimism. The atmosphere is definitely congenial and friendly. Those ahead of us have gained the respect and admiration of the surrounding community, making it easier to approach the Hindu villages with the Gospel message. The jeep makes it possible to leave the station at night and conduct services within a radius of about ten miles. This could hardly be done by oxcart when the school and orphanage demand so much of the missionary's time during the day.

The orphanage boys themselves represent one of the most encouraging and at the same time challenging features of the work. They are very open-hearted, friendly, energetic, and pliable and certainly represent good material for the future leadership of the church. Converts from heathen religions are often effective witnesses but boys brought up in the mission will likely make better leaders if they experience a genuine change of heart. A missionary could scarcely have a bigger task than setting the best possible example for these boys and being the instrument used by God to prepare them for a life of service in India's great harvest field.

In spite of the urgent call of the non-Christian villages, the routine mission work is bound to take up most of our time during the first few months at least. It will be necessary to become personally acquainted with each of the boys if their problems are to be understood and proper relationships established. This means more than just calling them into the office for a talk. It means time spent in prayer, time spent in the classroom,

and time spent with them in play. Their entire program from early morning until late at night must be planned and supervised. India teachers and assistants do well but their own lives in all probability have been lacking in discipline and so they can scarcely be expected to take others further than they have gone themselves.

The problem of orientation faces the new missionary at every turn reducing his efficiency and thwarting the strongest desire to do village work. Nearly every phase of life must be adjusted, not only to his own advantage but with the best interests of the mission and Indian community in mind. Without the absolute confidence of both Christians and non-Christians the mission program is likely to meet with little success. We look to God to give patience, grace, and wisdom during this initial and critical period.

Yours in His service,  
Arthur and Phyllis Pye

### Christmas in India

Mary Luffy

HOW different my first Christmas in India was in comparison with all other Christmases! Yes, I'd been away from home for Christmas holidays before, but Christmas is still Christmas with all the trimmings anywhere in America. But here I was about 9000 miles away from home in a strange country where I'd been for only eleven days. There was no snow, no familiar carols coming over the radio, nor the jingling of bells or the beautifully decorated trees, under which would be gaily wrapped packages.

But yet, Christmas has the same meaning to all Christians the world over, and each country has its own way of celebrating the birthday of our King.

Christmas eve! What would we do? Not being able to speak the native language or understand it, I couldn't go caroling as I'd have done in America. So after the church service which ended at 5:30 p. m., along with several other missionaries and workers, I went to one of the villages to hold a service. The village was very dark with only a few dim lights shining from the huts. While part of us announced the service by going through the villages and calling out, the others made preparations for the service, that of lighting the lantern, spreading a few mats on the ground, and in general giving the location of the "church" by means of an Indian "piano". The sky formed the roof for our heads,

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## In the Homeland

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group shall remember him as an inspirational missionary. We shall also remember Brother Glenn Frey's services to us in the Bible Club. We pray God's blessing on each of them as they go to Africa.

The unified morning service is giving greater opportunity for our children to receive a Gospel message.

Many challenging experiences arose in the contacts through the visitation work. Most families were willing for their children to go to Sunday School and Bible Club, but it appeared as an unnecessary effort for most adults.

One eight-year-old child begged his father for permission to come to Bible Club with "no" for an answer. May God reach this home in some way. In this home, because of differences in church affiliations, there was no regular attendance at worship services.

Also, a ten-year-old boy was given permission by his non-rotasunt father to attend Bible Club. This child was said, by his father, to, "drop television and everything else", at 6:30 P. M. for Bible Club each Friday evening.

We ask each praying Christian who reads this, and who realizes the importance of children's work in a city congregation, to pray God's blessing on this program for His own glory.

Our winter evangelistic meetings begin January 13, with Brother Alvin C. Burkholder as our evangelist. We ask your prayers for a revival in our congregation and in our Community. M. H. E.

### Upland College, (Calif.) Reports

Upland College opened its new school year with a renewed vigor academically and spiritually. During the first week of school one of the girls found Jesus as Saviour in her dormitory room. In addition to the large number from the local area the enrollment this year includes students from many different states and countries. One of our foreign students, Juana Hinson, from Honduras, Central America, adds much to the social life of the campus.

### Youth Conference

The first high light of the school year was the Eleventh Annual Youth Conference of the California Brethren in Christ Church held October 4-7 at Thousand Palms. Rev. J. N. Hostetter from Clarence Center, New York, and Rev. Jared Gerig, dean of Pacific Bible College, were the main speakers. Inspirational singing, challenging testimonies, lively discussions, vigorous recreation, and peaceful relaxation were all a part of Youth Conference. Several souls were saved during the conference, and most of us were drawn closer to God as we considered the theme, "What Would Jesus Do?"

### Revivals

Immediately following the conference, Brother Hostetter came to the valley for a series of meetings at the college and at different churches. The week of messages in the college chapel were beneficial and inspirational. The last Friday morning of these meetings, Brother Hostetter did not even have a chance to speak. During the opening song, without an invitation, one of the students went to the altar. From then on it was an avalanche of students moving to the altar toward God. We praise God for this time of the manifestation of His Spirit among us.

### Bible Conference

On November 23 and 24 Upland College was privileged to have the 38th annual

Bible Conference of the California church convene on her campus. "The Bible Speaks to Our Day" was the very appropriate theme for this conference. Rev. Jared Gerig, our guest speaker from Pacific Bible College, gave many inspiring messages. We were also privileged to have with us Peter Willms, who was a member of the gospel team to Japan, to speak to us and show us pictures portraying their work while in Japan. Also with us during conference were Elder and Sr. Isaac Schmucker and Sr. Clara Meyer from Navajo Mission, New Mexico, and Sr. Janina Goins and Sr. Edith Yoder from the Lifetime Gospel Mission, San Francisco, California.

### Expansion Fund Drive

In accordance with the directions of General Conference, your college on the west coast has periodically mailed letters to the brotherhood soliciting for the Expansion Fund. The response so far has been greatly appreciated, but we are still waiting to hear from many throughout the church. If you have not sent your contribution, we invite you to share in this solicitation by mail. Above all we urge that Upland College be given priority on your prayer list.

### Additional Recognition

Academically God has again blessed by way of added standing. The American Association of Collegiate Registrars has informed us that they are listing Upland College as an institution whose "transcript of record is given full value" and whose "degree is accepted for graduate standing." Recently Upland College was admitted to membership in the Association of Teacher Education Institutions. Then on November 24, 1951, we received the information that Upland College has been admitted as a member of The National Commission on Accreditation.



### Howick, Ontario

We were privileged to entertain Ontario Joint Council here at Fordwich over Labor Day Week end. The Lord met with us in a special way and we thank God for the burdens that were carried and the souls that were saved at that time. Praise His Name.

On Oct. 2 Sr. Kauffman and Sr. Kreider were here with us, giving us interesting talks on the work in Africa, and especially the medical side of the work was most enlightening to us.

We were pleased to have Elder and Sr. John Nigh with us on Oct. 21st. Bro. Nigh bringing us the morning and evening services. Little did we think then, that in the so near future God would call him to a higher service.

On Nov. 4 our Fall Revivals started with Elder Harry Hock from Detroit Mission as our evangelist. We can say "Behold, what great things God has wrought." Never have we witnessed the working of the Holy Ghost so real by special revelations from God. We thank God for the way He used Bro. Hock in bringing forth the messages in the Spirit. Truly the Holy Spirit has

been faithful to the Fordwich Congregation. Our prayer is that the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon us with Holy Ghost and fire. —Mrs. S. W.

### Cedar Grove, Mifflintown, Pa.

Nov. 4 Eld. Paul Goodling left for Marsh Creek to labor with the group there in an evangelistic campaign.

Nov. The service was recorded for the benefit of the Book family who are passing through affliction.

Nov. 13 We had with us sisters Martha Kauffman and Mary Krieder who gave us a glimpse of their work in Africa, both of the hospital and school work.

Nov. 17. District Council at Cedar Grove. A goodly number were present. We rejoice as we see the working of the Spirit in our midst.

Nov. 18. Had the report of the State S. S. meeting given by Eld. Wilbur Benner, our delegate. Revival meeting opened this evening with Bishop Henry Schneider as evangelist. The attendance was fair and the messages heart searching. We are glad for those who responded to the Spirit's call. The Lord was especially near in the afternoon prayer meetings.

Dec. 2. Closing service. Three were anointed for the healing of their bodies. Pray that God may use us here and Bro. Schneider in his ministry as he goes to other fields of service. E. M. L.

### Delisle, Saskatchewan

In the book of Canadian legends, an exciting chapter tells the story of the western Prairies. Stories are told of a land fabulously rich, of a plain so immense that there is no end to the vision of golden grain, a land where the sun never sets, and where the people—sturdy pioneers all—surpass the gods in intellect and ability. Other stories speak of a land of famine and drouth, a land where there is no sun, and the people skulk behind a barricade of misery and ignorance.

In the several weeks that I have been in Saskatchewan, I have been tempted to think that whatever veracity can be ascribed to legends, the former type is nearer the truth than the latter. For scarcely were we settled down till we found the people speaking in positive terms of expansion. At first it seemed doubtful if much could be done without a large group, but the high quality of the abilities of the people of the community became very evident.

One result is the organization of a Young People's Society. The society is endeavouring to guide both the religious and social life of the young people of the community. The church has also organized regular prayer-meetings.

We are very grateful for the helpful and efficient supervision of the work by Rev. John Garman. Moreover, we often find ourselves in an attitude of silent thanksgiving for the privilege of serving Christ through the church, with the conviction that we are doing God's task, only by the help of your prayer. —Robert Sider.

### Madison Chapel Church, Wakarusa, Indiana

Greetings of Christian love in the name of our loving Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to you all.

On Sunday, September 30, we enjoyed the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet. Bishop Carl G. Stump, Evangelist Joseph Vanderveer of Hillman, Michigan, and our deacon, Brother Elmer Stutzman, were in charge of the service. Our District Love Feast was held at the Union Grove Church on Saturday afternoon and evening November 10. Serv-



ices were continued all day Sunday with Elder Eli Hostetler of Massillon, Ohio, as the guest speaker.

On Saturday evening, June 16, the Male Chorus from Messiah College were with us and gave us a very inspirational program.

The first Thursday of each month the women have an all day sewing at the home of one of the twenty members which we have at present. We have some very faithful workers from other churches who attend the sewings regular; and they are one half of our members. Each member takes her turn to have the sewing in her home. The one who has the sewing in her home furnishes most of the dinner for the entire group and their children. Of course each one attending the sewing brings one or two dishes with them. We really have a variety of delicious food. Sometimes when a few of the men folks have a good excuse to eat dinner with us, they say, "It's no wonder the women go to the sewings!"

Madison Chapel is a Union Church of seven different denominations at present, and by having the assistance of those from other churches, working together makes it unusual and interesting. We sew for missions and organizations of any denomination where they need clothing, bedding, etc. At present we are making warm snow suits for the Orphans Home in South Bend, Indiana, an institution through which our members had the pleasure of taking a tour on October 16. We do quite a bit of sewing for orphans and send money and gifts to them and missionaries at Christmas time. On November 1 we baked 20 pies for the students at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana.

About two weeks before Christmas we meet in one of the members' home for a social time, exchange of gifts, and a Christmas program. We also elect officers for the next year and serve ice cream and cookies.

We recently had an automatic electric church bulletin board installed.

Elder Joseph Vanderveen of Hillman, Michigan, was our evangelist in a revival campaign from March 11 through March 25. The messages he gave were very challenging to all who heard him. All those who did not hear him have missed many blessings and spiritual help. Nolen Miller, a very capable song leader, labored with us in songs and prayer. Jane Shurr was the pianist.

Elder William Rosenberry from the Philadelphia Mission was the evangelist at the tent meetings near the Union Grove Church, where Bishop Carl G. Stump is the pastor, during the latter part of August and the first part of September. A large attendance listened to soul-stirring messages our brother gave. Many seekers were at the altar and found spiritual help. Some were anointed and were healed for which we also praise God.

Elder Paul Book who so faithfully served us as pastor from December 29, 1946, to June 1, 1951, has, with his family, moved to 1712 Cook Street, Orlando, Florida, where they are workers in the Lord's vineyard. We miss them and we pray the loss we have had will be the gain to those of the Orlando Brethren in Christ Church.

Elder Irvin Kanode who formerly was in Kentucky, has accepted the pastorate at Madison Chapel. We appreciate Brother and Sister Kanode and their three small children very much. Our prayers are that God will bless and sustain Brother Kanode and Brother Book and their families until Jesus comes. Also for all His children that they will obey God in completeness at all times, and that He will let the Holy Spirit

through them lead their unsaved loved ones to the Saviour before it is too late.

Ephesians 6:16. "Above all taking the shield wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

Galatians 6:9. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

—B. E. S.

#### Life Line Gospel Mission, San Francisco, California

"Who is sufficient for these things? . . . Our sufficiency is of God."

During the past quarter we had many interesting experiences and want to share them with you. The gospel has gone forth nightly to the needy souls on sixth street. God has faithfully spoken to hearts but so many turn aside and go their own way. We praise the Lord for those who have sought and found Him as their Saviour.

We had the joy of seeing a young woman saved. She was in her early twenties and had been entangled in sin that was deeply troubling her. God met her and graciously restored her faith which had almost been destroyed by wrong associations. Another was a young father who came to the city to see his nine-year-old boy. He came into the mission one night a physical and mental wreck. He had spent approximately \$180.00, pawned his return bus ticket to Texas, and his clothes. At the close of the service he knelt at the altar and received definite help. He told us when he left the mission that night he had the police lock him up for several hours until he could get his mental balance. The last time we saw him he had a job and hoped to redeem his bus ticket in order to return home. He said he would never forget the mission.

On August 26th Bro. Charlie Thomas went to be with his Saviour after an illness of over a year. He was a sincere and devout Christian, a real inspiration to us. Rev. Tosh of the Free Methodist church with Rev. Paulus conducted the funeral service. Bro. Thomas was a member of the Free Methodist church but had been a

### Success

Someone recently asked John Charles Thomas to what or to whom he owed most of his success as a singer. He replied in one word: "God."

God reached him early. Mr. Thomas was born in a Methodist parsonage; he did his first real singing in a family trio, at his father's church services, revivals and at camp meetings. He moved about a lot in those days; Methodist preachers in the early 1900's never stayed in one place very long.

The religious influence of those early days has its way with him before every broadcast. Veteran though he is, he is nervous about his tremendous radio audience; he overcomes that nervousness by arriving early at the studio, going alone into a little room and—sometimes for thirty minutes—praying to the God who has given him one of the most scintillating voices of modern music.

—Religious Digest.

faithful attendant at the mission for many years. Within a week we heard about the sudden death of Bro. Jake Wenger at Oakley, and we were called to help in that funeral. Two deaths so close together only shows how uncertain life is here on this earth.

On August 5, we were happy to meet four exchange students from Japan who are attending Christian schools. They spent one night with us and we enjoyed the privilege of showing them American hospitality. One of the young men, Taizo Tanimoto, is attending Messiah College.

Several members of the Showalter family from Virginia spent a couple days with us while contacting relatives in the city. Sr. Edith Showalter, a Mennonite missionary from Africa, was one of this group.

Other visitors who stopped to see us were Miss Ardys Charles, Bro. John Krieder, Mt. Joy, Penna; Bro. Peter Willms, enroute to Japan to join gospel team, and Bro. Alvin Burkholder who ministered to us over a week end. Bishop and Sr. Jesse Lady and Bro. and Sr. Allen Foote enroute to Oregon spent a night with us. They brought canned fruit and vegetables from Upland. We appreciated this gift very much. We enjoyed the message of the visiting brethren which gave us a spiritual uplift. Bro. and Sr. L. C. Goins and daughter Ardith of Upland gave us a pleasant surprise and spent several days visiting with their daughter in the mission home. Arlene Wenger spent a week with her sister Dorothy, who was with us through the summer working in the city.

The San Jose M. C. C. Summer unit was with us for a service in August. Sr. Esther Book of Upland was a member of this unit. They gave an interesting program and told of their work among the Migrants.

Sr. Ruth Book spent a week with us on her way to Seattle, Wash. to sail for India. We wish her God's speed as she enters the work in India. Sr. Helen Bowers accompanied her to San Francisco. We appreciated their visit and help in the mission and home.

Bro. William F. Lewis of Upland and Bro. Harland Smith of Claremont, Calif. arrived on Sept. 24 and worked four days doing interior painting and repairs on windows. With the help of Bro. Paulus and others, they painted three bed rooms and closets, a small study room, the hallways, stairs and kitchen. They were unable to complete the whole house. Bro. Paulus continued the work doing the living rooms and then repairing and decorating the small apartment which is a rental. The house was in need of redecorating and we deeply appreciate the services of these brethren. Besides painting, the two brethren ministered to us in the services. Their fellowship and messages brought inspiration to us.

Besides the extra expense necessary for the above work, this past week a new roof was put on the mission home which cost \$250.00. Of this amount \$100.00 has been paid, leaving \$150.00 which must be paid in the next sixty days. Any gifts toward the reroofing of the home or the current expenses will be greatly appreciated.

#### THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

##### Receipts

Balance on hand	\$ 40.37
Hall Offerings	515.50
Apartment Rent	35.00
Electric and garbage	1.60
Rev. and Sister John Rosenberry	10.00
Oak Park Mission Sunday School,	
Des Moines, Iowa	5.15
Brother T. P. Egling	5.00
Free Methodist Church	8.00
Brother and Sister Mabrie Goins	10.00
Pasadena Prayer Band	5.00



Margery Logan—room .....	40.00
Dorothy and Arlene—room .....	70.00
Phone Toll .....	4.84
Brother Charlie Thomas .....	5.00
Brother John Kreider .....	5.00
The Showalters .....	15.00
Brother Peter Willms .....	2.00
Bishop and Sister Lady .....	5.00
Brother and Sister L. C. Goins .....	25.00
Ardith Goins .....	5.00
Brother Cyrus Lenhart .....	5.00
Esther Book .....	10.00
Transportation .....	2.00
Sister Martha Bowers .....	1.00
Helen Bowers .....	5.00
Ruth Book .....	10.00
For extra expenses:	
Reserve Fund .....	200.00
For extra expense .....	25.00
Brother Jens Pedersen .....	20.00
Brother Harold Paulus .....	20.00

Total Receipts .....\$1,116.46

#### Expenditures

##### (House)

Table .....	\$224.25
Public Utilities .....	66.60
Room rent .....	67.50
House property tax .....	68.95
News .....	2.50
Plumbing fixture .....	18.26
Incidentals .....	10.88

\$458.94

##### (Hall)

Rent .....	\$300.00
Public utilities .....	17.37
Transportation .....	24.30
Incidentals .....	1.06
Tracts .....	2.00
Rented trailer .....	1.00
Car insurance and repairs .....	27.63
Stamps .....	.50
Painters for transportation .....	14.30
Ruth Book—missionary .....	35.60

\$424.36

##### (House and apartment repairs and decorations)

Paint, etc. ....	\$144.60
Windowpane .....	4.91
Rugs cleaned .....	27.10
Rug padding .....	5.12
Mattress renovated .....	7.00
Floor covering .....	5.00
Incidentals .....	36.89

\$230.62

Total Receipts .....\$1,116.46

Total Expenditures .....1,113.92

Cash on hand .....\$ 2.54

We acknowledge with sincere appreciation donations from the following: Brother and Sister Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smarda, Margery Logan, Dorothy Wenger, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davidson, Jack Hale, Sr., Alvin Gish, Brother and Sister L. C. Goins, Mary and Lydia Byer, Helen Bowers, Richard Schmidt, Brother and Sister Allen Foote, and Brother and Sister Dozier.

Janna Goins and Workers

## Kentucky Report

### General

Kentucky, famous for its beautiful Octobers, wins the prize for competition with itself this gorgeous month as we write our report. The lovely hillsides and hollows show changes of tint and hue daily, almost hourly, as the dry, sunny days and frostless nights provide a perfect atmosphere for the display.

A review of July, August and September in Kentucky reveals many and varied activities. Fruitful revivals in three of our churches have stirred and shaken members into confession of failures and need for empowerment, and have led them to seek deeper experiences with God. Not only are we receiving answers to petitions for our own members and congregations, but other churches and community folk whose soul needs had caused a prayer burden to settle upon us are also moving Godward. We attended baptismal services of three other denominations following successful revivals in their churches. Many of these look to the Brethren in Christ for Spiritual guidance and prayer support.

July 12-14. Brother Dohner was in Cincinnati and surrounding towns visiting our Brethren in Christ members and friends who have moved there from Adair County. This survey was preliminary to possible preaching or prayer services in this area under sponsorship of Ohio-Kentucky Joint Mission Board. While here, news of the George Ed Feese tragedy reached him and he responded to the summons by leaving the Peace Conference at Ohio Camp Ground immediately following the first session. Leah Dohner returned with him for a visit at Ella and Knifley; and Brother Edgar Giles (working in Trotwood) also returned with him for the funeral.

Brothers Edward Hackman and Roy Musser, volunteer workers from Pennsylvania, arrived July 14 to spend twelve days in Kentucky helping with physical tasks. They were at Ella the first five days repairing and painting Fairview church and assisting



in services; and worked on the unfinished mission home in Knifley the remainder of the time. We deeply appreciate their good help.

All of the mission workers, except Dohners, and twenty-five of the local people attended the Ohio Camp Meeting and brought back some of the holy atmosphere which they absorbed there.

We enjoyed having the Messiah College Male Quartet with us August 25-28. They gave four programs, contacting each area of the three missions.

Sister Hazel Feese, whose conversion was reported in the September 17 Visitor, became a Brethren in Christ member August 17, at her home near Absher. This young mother who has been seriously ill for many months, felt God's leadings in a blessed way and rejoiced as she obeyed. Each one who attended this unusual service was very conscious of God's presence and approval. That same week, Sister Feese went to Louisville for lung surgery, and in answer to prayer has been rapidly recovering. She is soon to have the second chest operation. Please continue to pray for her complete healing and the salvation of her husband. Their four small children need a Christian home.

We thank our God that more of our people are getting in line to receive the blessings which fall upon those who pay the tithe.

We cannot but feel unworthy and at the same time very grateful for the many new victories and answered petitions. May our faith not waver for the needs still unsupplied. Our God is faithful!

—Elam O. Dohner, Superintendent

### Ella Report

The Ella station received its full share of activities during this unusually heavy three-months period.

Brother and Sister Dan Hoover, arrived to join the mission staff, July 10. Sister Hoover's mother and two younger sisters accompanied them, and they all spent their first few days in Kentucky with the Ella workers until Christners were able to move to Knifley. We all made good use of the time: the visiting ladies papered three rooms in the mission home, while Brother Hoover helped Brother Dohner and local trustees with the repair work and preparation for painting Fairview church; and Sister Dohner and Esther worked with local women scrubbing the entire interior of the church (which seats 400)—ceiling, walls, floors, furniture, and windows.

Brother Henry Schneider of Michigan was our message bearer during the eight-day Holiness Meeting in Fairview church. Our anticipation became realization as Brother Schneider so lovingly and emphatically brought heart-searching holiness messages each afternoon and night. Hungry hearts confessed failures and acknowledged needs as each sought for an experience that would give daily victory in the face of test. A husband and wife came back to the Lord after being out of touch with God and the church for a number of years.

We enjoyed having the Gospel Echoes quartet and their families from southern Ohio for the last Sunday of this revival. Kentucky listeners always enjoy the programs of this quartet "to the full" and were happy to hear them again.

The morning service at Millerfields, July 29 cannot be forgotten for the manner in which the Holy Spirit took control as Bishop Schneider ministered. Special singing by local people especially touched the morning speaker, and everyone else present. Five men, sinners, knelt at the altar for prayer.

Father and Mother Dohner surprised us with a six-day visit during the Fairview revival and heartily entered into the spirit of the meeting with us.

Also in July, God definitely healed Sister Benlah Thomas (of Millerfields) of serious affliction in response to her faith and the prayers of the saints.

July visitors at Ella home totaled: 24 persons overnight (74 guest nights); 37 persons for meals (228 guest meals besides babies); 36 additional callers.

Guests brought foods with them and local members thoughtfully sent in much-appreciated supplies during this heavy month.

Austin Corbin family from Franklin Corners church, Illinois, visited home folks at Ella in August.

Leonard Edwards family from Sunny-mead, California, visited Dohners the last three days of August, the hottest three days of the summer.

Owen and Mary Shepherd remained in Ohio following Camp Meeting to work during tomato harvest. They enjoyed the fellowship of the brethren there, but we missed our Sunday School superintendent and also our janitor at Millerfields, and happily welcomed them back the last of September.

During September, a number of neighbors for whom we had been praying, either came to our home for help or called us to their homes to pray with them.

Warren Sherman, who is attending Asbury seminary, and family were guests at Ella over September 23. Brother Sherman preached at Millerfields Sunday morning and spoke words of greeting to Fairview Sunday School in the afternoon.

God is teaching us many precious lessons of faith and trust as we find ourselves in



constant need of leaning on Him and drawing from Him the strength, wisdom and grace needed for each problem. Thank you for your continued prayers in behalf of our needs.

—Mrs. Elam O. Dohner.

### Garlin Report

Tragedy struck our community on July 13 when George Ed Feese, father of five children, including an infant born July 1, was killed in a highway accident. The huge crowd of approximately 1500 attending the funeral Sunday afternoon, July 15, at the Beulah Chapel church, not only tells of the wide circle of friends George Ed had, but also of the respect they had for him.

So began our work in Kentucky. The week before and the week after the 15th of July were spent in the former pastor's moving to Knifley and the new pastor's moving into the Garlin home. Also during this week-end, Sister Curry, who became quite ill, was moved to the Garlin home where she could be better cared for by the nurse. After an anointing service Monday night, God marvelously raised her up on Tuesday and she was able to go to her own home. About a month later, August 17, God graciously preserved the life of Brother Jess Powell who lay near death's door. We certainly want to honor God for these manifestations of His love and power.

All three of us workers here at Garlin were privileged to attend the Ohio Camp for a few days, and we surely appreciated the spiritual boost. We were thankful as well for the number of local folk who attended.

The Male Quartet from Messiah College arrived here Saturday, August 25, and sang Saturday night at Beulah Chapel. They were also present for the monthly workers' meeting on Monday afternoon. We had an enjoyable time of fellowship together.

Our church at Grassy Springs cooperated in a revival held at the United Brethren church in that area. God answered prayer and a number, mostly young people, sought the Lord. These need our continued prayers so as to be able to defeat the powers of the enemy.

Our revival began at Beulah Chapel the fourth Sunday of September with Brother Dohner as evangelist. The Spirit of God took control and we who attended, experienced a searching of heart which only the Spirit can bring about and which resulted in confessions, dying, and seeking the Baptism. One backslider was reclaimed.

We were privileged to entertain one member of the Gospel Echoes Quartet, Lester Haines and his wife Marjorie, when they were here during the Fairview meeting. Mr. and Mrs. David Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Heise were guests in our home the last week-end of September. Mrs. Heise's parents, Clyde and Mary Hershey stopped a few minutes on their way home that same week-end.

We must say that God has been working in our midst and we are expecting great things from Him in the coming months. Our hope and trust are all in Him.

—Daniel Hoover.

### Knifley Report

"If God be for us, who can be against us." Our Lord who never lost a battle is giving victories all along the way.

Here a little, there a little—we appreciated the kindness of Roy Musser and Edward Hackman who came as volunteers under the Home Mission Board and spent six days painting and doing carpentry work at the Knifley parsonage. The Lord bless

them for their services.

Leah Dohner spent several days visiting in this community where she was a mission worker in previous years. Her renewed acquaintances were greatly appreciated.

"Come we that love the Lord and let our joys be known"—this was the spirit manifested throughout the revival at Spout Springs. The Spirit of the Lord descended upon us and waves of glory swept over our souls. Brother Raymond Paulus from Ohio, preached the Word in all its simplicity and power. One soul was reclaimed and several others were sanctified. Please help us to pray for three young couples who manifested conviction but failed to yield to God. May God bless Brother Paulus as he continues in his zeal for souls.

Brother and Sister Lloyd Melhorn and family, and Sister Eva Melhorn from Pennsylvania spent five days with us. Sister Eva was on her way to Detroit Mission The pump that Brother Melhorn purchased for the parsonage is appreciated very much.

The Cross Roads Sewing Circle (Lancaster County) did their share in helping by sewing and giving much needed supplies. The Lord richly reward them.

Thank you everyone who has contributed in one way or another. Prayer is the golden key to golden opportunities.

—Mrs. Eli Christner.

### THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

#### Expenditures

##### Elia

Groceries .....	\$ 89.50
Car Usage .....	112.50
Fuel and Utilities .....	50.84
Home Equipment .....	12.95
Office and Bulletin .....	34.80
Property Maintenance .....	3.15
Total Expenditures .....	\$303.74

##### Garlin

Groceries .....	\$ 91.14
Car Usage .....	102.70
Fuel and Utilities .....	49.63
Home Equipment .....	39.20
Property Maintenance .....	2.20
Office .....	.20
Total Expenditures .....	\$285.07

##### Knifley

Groceries .....	\$101.17
Car Usage .....	127.10
Fuel and Utilities .....	18.31
Home Equipment .....	4.73
Property Maintenance .....	8.65
Total Expenditures .....	\$259.96

Special expense allowance for Christners .....	\$ 38.00
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#### Receipts

A Cheerful Giver .....	\$150.00
Kathryn Trautwein, California .....	10.00
Preston Markley, California .....	5.00
Delbert Ballard, Kentucky .....	10.00
J. R. Eyster, California .....	10.00
June Cross, Pennsylvania .....	15.00
Dortha Dohner, Ohio .....	5.00
M. L. Dohner, Ohio .....	10.00
A Missionary Friend .....	50.00
Iva Herr, Ohio .....	10.00
B. Swartzendruber, California .....	1.00
Mrs. L. C. Goins, California .....	5.00
A Friend, Pennsylvania .....	1.00
Pasadena Missionary Prayer Circle, California .....	23.56
Mrs. William Herr, California .....	15.00
Peyline McGaha, Kentucky .....	22.50
Pleasant Hill Sunday School, Ohio .....	86.69
Mae Hersch, Pennsylvania .....	5.00
An Unknown Friend .....	15.00
Springfield Sunday School, Ohio .....	109.10
Upland Sunday School, California .....	115.25
Leonard Edwards, California .....	5.00
Mastersonville Bible School, Pa. .....	25.00
Antrim Ladies Bible Class, Pa. .....	12.50
Eva Melhorn, Michigan .....	5.00
Earl Musser, California .....	15.00
A. B. Haldeman, California .....	50.00
Upland Congregation, California .....	5.00
Bruce Markley, California .....	25.00
Clair Hoffman, Pennsylvania .....	15.00
Mary Byer, California .....	12.00
Raymond Paulus, Ohio .....	5.00
Total Out-of-state Receipts .....	\$848.60

### Mission Congregations

Beulah Chapel .....	\$ 95.75
Gospel Hall .....	68.26
Millerfields .....	41.28
Spout Springs .....	33.85
Fairview .....	30.89
Egypt .....	22.40
Grassy Springs .....	21.30
Bloomington .....	10.37
Garlin .....	5.05
Evangel Chapel .....	1.85
A Brother's Tithe .....	105.00

Total Local Receipts .....	\$436.00
Total Expenditures .....	\$886.77
Deficit, July 1, 1951 .....	345.07

Total .....	\$1,231.84
Less Receipts .....	1,284.60

Balance, October 1, 1951 .....	\$ 52.76
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### Special Project Gifts

For Knifley Parsonage:	
Ruth and Ben Hess, Ohio .....	\$ 36.67
Leah Dohner, Ohio .....	10.00
For papering and redecorating of Fairview Home:	
Leah Dohner, Ohio .....	\$ 25.00

### Contributions

Groceries: Dale Ulery, M. L. Dohner, Leah Dohner, Warren Sherman.	
Clothing: Cross Roads Sewing Circle, Pa.	
Pump for well at Knifley: Lloyd Melhorn.	
Canned Foods: W. C. Melhorn, "In His Name," Pa., Friends from Pa.	

## Christmas in India

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and the moon and stars shone brightly. About 100 people attended and sat very attentively for about two hours while the gospel story was told.

In the very early morning, I was awakened by the voices of carolers. They were singing the old carols but in Marathi. They seemed to be enjoying it very much and even though I couldn't recognize the words, my heart responded to the message of the music.

Christmas day arrived, greeting us with sunshine and warmth. Following breakfast, the village band arrived and played native music this being part of Christmas celebration. And of course Rev. Davis took this opportunity of telling them the real meaning of Christmas. Services began in the church at 9:00 and lasted until 12:00 noon. The women were all arrayed in beautiful colored saris which made such a pretty sight. One person brought a pair of pigeons as his offering. The afternoon was filled with activity. Many games and sports took place after which another worship service was held outdoors.

The following day a community dinner was held. Everyone sat on a mat stretched out over the ground. For plates, banana leaves held together by small sticks, were used, and for eating, our fingers. How enjoyable was the fellowship we shared!

Christmas was drawing to a close, but it was not over. The natives living on the compound came in for an evening of fellowship. We all sat on



the floor, listening to Christmas music on the phonograph, and talking, Rev. and Mrs. Davis acting as interpreters. My first Christmas was surely a very enjoyable one, and I felt very much at home here in India.

—*The Missionary Tidings*

## Sinner's Half-Way Place

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he refrain, but spake in no uncertain terms. He was not one to beat the air. He was out to beat the Prince of the Powers of the Air. He was specific, leaving none in doubt concerning the meanings of his message. We wish the record would state that all repented and left his own way for the Lord's way, but it doesn't.

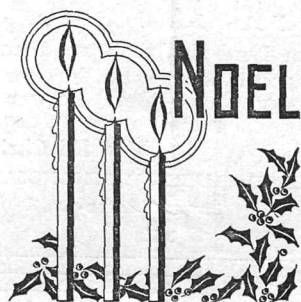
It may be that the "zeal of God's house" did "eat him up". But who could blame him? We will bear with him in his folly, if folly it was. It is true that "great men are not always wise," and under great burdens may give the enemies of the cross grievous opportunity. It could be that that is what happened here. At any rate there were people in God's House who wanted to "bite and devour" him and who proceeded to do so. However, that may be, he found himself in a position which gave the opposition a large opportunity which they were quick to grasp. He knew that such a program as was in vogue could mean only a stopping place between here and a hereafter where men would meet awful retribution for their sins, and would have none of it. Consequently, on June 22, 1750, the renowned Jonathan Edwards, who could find no place in the consecration and call which he had made beyond recall, for a worldly influence which would make of the Church only a "Sinner's Half Way Place", found himself entirely out of place. May we now quote directly from the account given by Dr. Day in "Flagallant on Horseback", as he pictures the "heartbeat of a minister being discharged in the line of his duty."

"Our eyes are now trained upon the unemployed minister with a wife and ten children . . . and one of the ten was a baby boy . . . two months old . . . There were weeks of terrible privation for the family. 'The girls had to make fans to sell in Boston.' Poor Edwards wept his grief out to John Erskine of Edinburgh, Scotland: 'What shall I do? I am thrown upon a wide ocean of the world, and I know not what will become of me and my numerous fami-

ly.' After certain hungry months . . . he accepted a call to 'the little church, mixed Indian and white,' up in the Berkshires. It looked bad."

"That is to say, it looked bad, but 'God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.' In the Berkshire Hills . . . Edwards sealed his position as master of good English prose and a top figure in American Theology."

Out of the "All things" God did bring good as He always does for the "called according to His purpose." And He always will but "woe unto him by whom the offense cometh." What will such an one say in that great and terrible day of the Lord,



when he must answer for roughly handling the messenger of the Lord.

It is now 1951, nearly three centuries since the Church at Northampton accepted the "Half Way Covenant." The Church is still in the world. It will be until the Lord comes. The world is still trying to get into the Church to dictate its policies, and make of it a "Sinner's Half Way Place." Will we permit this tragedy to occur in the Church where we are? Where it is happening the world is "rending the Church," and it ceases to be a place of deliverance from all sin.

May this lesson from history be unto us an "example" and inspire us to prayer that in this hour of darkness the Church where we are may be a lighthouse leading men away from conformity to the world and into the transforming grace of a gracious Saviour who died that men may be preserved blameless unto the day of His coming and presented faultless before the presence of His glory.

Elizabethtown, Pa.

## News Notes

### Dr. Paul Rees to Go On World Mission

On December 26 Dr. Paul Stromberg Rees, Minister of the First Covenant Church in Minneapolis, will leave on a world preaching mission for the World Evangelical Fellowship. He will be accompanied by the secretary of the Fellowship, Dr. J. Elwin Wright. Travelling entirely by air Dr. Rees will hold services in London, Hamburg, Paris, Zurich, Athens, Cyprus, Cairo (conditions permitting), Bombay, Akola, Australia, Java, Hong Kong, Manila, Formosa, Japan and Honolulu. Dr. Rees is a vice-president of The National Association of Evangelicals and of The Protestant Publishing Corporation.

### News Item

The Board of Directors of Christian Herald Association elected Dr. Daniel A. Poling Chairman of the Board and Ford Stewart President of the Association. Dr. Poling has been President for 25 years. Mr. Stewart moves from the Vice-Presidency which he has held since 1946.

Dr. Poling remains President of all the Association's charitable projects, the Bowery Mission and Children's Home in New York, Christian Herald Industrial Missions in China, and the Memorial Home Community in Florida. Mr. Stewart will continue as Vice-President of these organizations.

Dr. Poling is widely known as a leader in the religious and publication fields. He is presently President of The World's Christian Endeavor Union, Chaplain of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia and Chairman of The All American Conference to Combat Communism, as well as his Christian Herald connections.

Mr. Stewart worked for newspapers in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids from 1930 to 1933 and joined Christian Herald as Western Advertising Manager in 1938. After six years in Chicago he moved to New York in 1944 as Advertising Manager. In 1945 he was made General Manager of Christian Herald Magazine and Publisher in 1946. For the last five years, Mr. Stewart has served as Secretary of the National Association of Magazine Publishers.

Dr. Poling continues as Editor of Christian Herald Magazine as well as Chairman of the Board of the Association and Mr. Stewart continues as Publisher of the magazine.

### Relief Centers Fill Real Need

The strong influence of the MCC relief centers in various places is seen in recent remarks by two people in touch with such centers in widely separated countries. One lady calls the MCC community center in Kaiserslautern, Germany, a "little island of peace." In Japan a student spoke of a class at the MCC center as "an oasis for me." The direct relief value in these projects is significant, for genuine physical needs are alleviated; but beyond this, the spiritual warmth which people seem to feel as they participate in the work and service of these centers, is an even stronger factor in making the work a challenge.

Mifflintown, Penna.

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